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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING SEISMOLOGICAL
HAZARDS TO SUVA

REF: A) 76 SUVA 1314 B) 76 STATE 249233

1. FIJI GOVERNMENT HAS PRESENTED EMBASSY WITH FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE REGARDING SUBJECT PROJECT. GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE TO HELP DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL HAZARD OF FAULT ZONE WHICH COULD AFFECT CAPITAL CITY OF SUVA, AND TO HELP GOF IN PREPARING GUIDELINES TO MINIMIZE IMPACT OF STRONG EARTHQUAKES IN AREA. PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE SERVICES OF TWO SEISMOLOGISTS FOR SIX MONTHS EACH, ONE ELECTRONICS/ MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN FOR SIX MONTHS, AND ONE ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST OR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER FOR TWO MONTHS. EQUIPMENT NEEDS INCLUDE FOUR THREE-COMPONENT SEISMOGRAPHS, FOUR ONE-COMPONENT SEISMOGRAPHS, EIGHT SETS OF TELEMETRY EQUIPMENT, AND SIX STRONG-MOTION ACCELOGRAPHS.

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2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PROJECT COULD BE STRETCHED OUT OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD WITH ONLY ONE EXPERIENCED SEISMOLOGIST, BUT OPTIMALLY THE SURVEY COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN A SIX MONTH PERIOD WITH A FULL STAFF AS LISTED ABOVE.

3. PROJECT PROPOSAL SEEMS TO MEET ALL THE PRECEPTS OF PRE-DISASTER PLANNING WHICH WAS STRESSED DURING

1976 RED CROSS SEMINAR IN SUVA. OBVIOUS NEED EXISTS FOR SUCH A STUDY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FIJI POPULATION RESIDENT IN SUVA AND SUBURBAN AREA, BUT ALSO BECAUSE CRITICAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, PORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES LOCATED IN THIS HIGH THREAT AREA.

4. EMBASSY URGES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL. COPIES OF PROPOSAL BEING MAILED TO MAHLER AND IMUS. FLANEGIN

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